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Blue Ridge Virginia Governor's School
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Dear Potential Mentor for a Blue Ridge Virginia Governor's School Senior,

We greatly appreciate your consideration of supervising a professional learning experience for a Blue Ridge Virginia Governor's School (BRVGS) Senior.

The primary purpose of the professional learning experience is to provide students with observational and participatory experiences with experts in a field of the student's choosing. Students are expected to serve a minimum of 10 hours in their professional learning experience, although we recommend more, if possible. Students are expected to make all arrangements for time and logistics in relation to their experience. We realize that time is precious to our students' mentors, so we understand that each professional learning experience will be crafted with mentors' needs in mind.

The BRVGS Senior Capstone Project requires students to research a "burning question" about their topic of study, and to apply the knowledge gained in their professional learning experience and research to some form of community service. It is possible for some students to combine their professional learning experience and community service experiences. In addition, students are required to interview an expert in the student's area of study. That interview is usually conducted with the student's mentor.

Mentors are asked to certify students' hourly logs for their mentorship by completing an online evaluation when the student has finished their hours. An evaluation form should be emailed to you by the student.

Each BRVGS student has a Senior Advisor, based at the student's local high school. Concerns about students' ability to participate in a professional learning experience, questions regarding logistics, and any other questions and concerns can be directed to the student's local advisor, or to me at the contact info below.

Thank you again for your consideration of this opportunity to help shape the future for a BRVGS student.

Sincerely,



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